

Wildwood School Council Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2024

Attendees: Heather Audet, Sarah Brown, Lauren Case, Jennifer Dyck, Grant Jorgensen, Chelsey Morton, Erica Rae, Meredith Smith

Teachers: Susan Baker (Gr.3), Evan Buzan (Gr.6), Lisa Da Silva (Gr.1), Heather Derouin (G.r1), Jodi Hidalgo (Gr.4), Alex Purcell (Gr.6), Matt Smith (Gr.5)

The meeting was called to order by Chelsey Morton at 6:32pm and a quorum was present.

The teachers in attendance introduced themselves and provided the council with brief presentations pertaining to their grades. The teachers were excused following presentations.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from October 15, 2024. Chelsey Morton. Seconded by Jennifer Dyck. All in favour.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance sits at \$19,112.
- Recent expenses include cricket residence (\$2,437.50) and pizza (\$247.50) for the last set of conferences.
- Russ and Beth audited last month; the full financial report will be presented in May.

Current approvals are as follows:

CURRENT APPROVALS WSC:		AMOUNT APPROVED	AMOUNT SPENT	AMOUNT REMAINING	DATE APPROVED/ SPENT
Hospitality: Coffee socials (Oct & Dec)		\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	Sept 9, 2024
Hospitality: Conference meals for staff (3/year)		\$ 1,350	\$ (702)	\$ 648	Sept 9, 2024
Residence Artist: Cricket Residence		\$ 2,559	\$ (2,438)	\$ 122	Sept 9, 2024
		\$ 4,209	\$ (3,139)	\$ 1,070	

Approvals are currently needed for the following items if agreed upon:

It was proposed that \$50 gift cards be purchased for the teaching staff, up to a total of \$1,500.

A motion was made to approve up to \$1,500 for teacher gift cards. Jennifer Dyck. Seconded by Chelsey Morton. All in favour.

In the past the council has purchased a set amount of gift cards that the school administration could use to hand out at their discretion to families in need. It was agreed the \$50 denominations with Walmart or grocery stores would be best.

A motion was made to approve up to \$1,500 for holiday hamper gift cards. Jennifer Dyck. Seconded by Lauren Case. All in favour.

In the past the council has generously donated funds to be used towards a holiday candy guess for the students, last year \$75 was contributed.

A motion was made to approve up to \$100 for the student holiday candy guess. Jennifer Dyck. Seconded by Chelsey Morton. All in favour.

School Business

Erica provided an update on behalf of administration and thanked the council and parents for their support with tasty treats and conference meals.

- The work in the Wildwoods has been completed.
- A private donation was used towards a music therapist for EES, this was very well received.
- Annual documents are available on the website.

An update was given on Provincial Assessments. Last year grade 6's did not write language arts and math but they did write social and science because they were part of the existing curriculum. This year grade 6's will be writing language arts, math and social; since the new science curriculum was introduced this year they will not be writing on that subject. Grades 4 and 5 will be having screeners, similar to what was previously discussed regarding K-3, in literacy and numeracy. As a reminder a screener is a quick tool for teachers to learn more about their students and class.

Administration is looking forward to the following upcoming events in December; coffee and carolling with council, fun festive days, and Wildwood wonders for division one.

COSC Report

Meredith Smith provided an update on the Council of School Councils meeting she attended. It was noted that the trustees focused largely on policy issues and not day-to-day matters. Many CBE schools are over 50 years old, with no clear modernization plan. A request to modernize five schools by 2028 was made, but CBE did not receive approvals for any new schools. A funding model review was discussed, with concerns over the lowest per-student funding in Canada. A request for a funding model that is more transparent and flexible is top priority.

ACTION: Confirm if the school is a member of the Alberta School Councils Association for 2024.

Kokomo Planning

A proposed date of Thursday, February 27, 2025 was discussed. Will need to discuss with the two individuals who put their names forward to assist. The theme will be the same as last year.

ACTION: Create a sign-up genius for committee volunteers. Erica will also reach out to Vincent Massey for volunteers.

ACTION: Chelsey will reach out to the two individuals who volunteered to see if the date works and discuss DJ options.

ACTION: Reach out to Stephanie and Raj to set up online ticket sales through Healthy Hunger, keeping in mind that better timing for closing ticket sales is needed in 2025.

Tasty Treats

It was agreed that Tasty Treats will be February 5th. Communication in the Wag will be targeted towards the grades 1 & 4 classes and paper communication will be sent home.

ACTION: Diane will print February Tasty Treat information for the grade 1 & 4 classes.

Coffee & Caroling

Coffee and Caroling will take place on Wednesday Dec 18th at 8am. It was agreed to have a food drive at the front door and promote this event in the Wag.

Playground Committee

Council received a good response to their request for playground committee volunteers. It was agreed that a playground committee meeting should be scheduled, Lauren Case has generously offered to host the meeting at her house.

ACTION: Lauren Case to schedule a playground committee meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:30pm.

Minutes prepared by S.Brown, Secretary: _____ (Signature)

Approved by _____: _____ (Signature)